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SUBJ: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE: NINTH  
PLENARY MEETING, JUNE 27, 1977

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1. SUMMARY: DURING ITS PLENARY MEETING ON JUNE 27, THE SEABED ARMS CONTROL REVIEW CONFERENCE CONCLUDED ITS REVIEW OF THE PREAMBLE AND OPERATIVE ARTICLES. THE UK REP PRESENTED A DRAFT FINAL DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF A GROUP OF NINE COUNTRIES. ISSUES WHICH REMAIN UNSETTLED ARE THOSE RELATING TO VERIFICATION (ARTICLE III), NEGOTIATIONS ON FURTHER MEASURES (ARTICLE V), AND SCHEDULING THE NEXT REVCON (ARTICLE VII). END SUMMARY.

2. UK REP (ASHE) ANNOUNCED THAT NINE DELEGATIONS (BULGARIA, GHANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, IRAN, NORWAY, UK) HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE LANGUAGE OF A DRAFT FINAL DECLARATION, AND THAT THE RESULTING TEXT (TRANSMITTED REFTEL A) HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE. THE UK REPORTED THAT THE SMALL GROUP HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SOME PORTIONS  
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OF THE DRAFT, NOTABLY IN REGARD TO ARTICLE V (CONTINUANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS), AND THAT EACH OF THE DELS RETAINS ITS FREEDOM TO MAKE FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

3. ROMANIAN REP (ENE), BEGINNING THE REVCON'S CONSIDERATION OF THE PREAMBLE, PROPOSED THAT THE FINAL DECLARATION CONTAIN LANGUAGE REAFFIRMING THE COMMON INTEREST OF MANKIND IN

PREVENTING AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED, AND CALLING ON THE DEVELOPED STATES TO REFRAIN FROM ANY SEABED-RELATED ACTION OF A MILITARY CHARACTER WHICH MIGHT REDUCE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF PEACEFUL EXPLOITATION OF THE SEABEDS. REPS OF BULGARIA (NIKOLOV), INDIA (GHAREKHAN), AND GREECE (METAXAS) MADE STATEMENTS GENERALLY SUPPORTING ROMANIA VIEWS.

4. IN REGARD TO ARTICLE III, JAPANESE REP (SAWAI) RESTATED JAPAN'S PROPOSAL FOR A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND FOR AN INTERPRETATION MENTIONING THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE UNSYG. REPS OF YUGOSLAVIA (MIHAJLOVIC) AND GHANA (FOLI) EXPRESSED SUPPORT.

5. BULGARIAN REP (NIKOLOV) STATED THAT ESTABLISHING A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD REQUIRE SPECIFIC TREATY PROVISIONS, AS HAD BEEN THE CASE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION (ENMOD) CONVENTION. GDR REP (HERDER) DECLARED THAT IF THIS REVCON WERE TO ISSUE AN INTERPRETATION OF THE SEABEDS TREATY, THAT WOULD REQUIRE MORE TIME AND EFFORT THAN THE REVCON HAS AVAILABLE, AMOUNTING TO A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLANATION AND NOT MERELY SELECTING ONE PARTICULAR ELEMENT. USSR REP (ISSRAELIAN) AGREED WITH BULGARIAN AND GDR REMARKS, REITERATING THE SOVIET VIEW THAT ARTICLE III CONTAINS ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT THE KINDS OF MEASURES WHICH JAPAN ENVISONS, PROVIDED THAT

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ALL PARTIES TO A DISPUTE SO AGREE. POSING A RHETORICAL QUESTION TO THE JAPANESE DEL, THE USSR REP ASKED ON WHAT BASIS A PARTY WHICH DOES NOT AGREE COULD BE COMPELLED TO ACCEPT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNSYG. THE USSR REP DECLARED THAT ONLY SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION COULD RESOLVE SUCH A DISPUTE, AND APPEALED THE JAPANESE DEL TO REFRAIN FROM PRESSING ITS PROPOSALS.

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6. ON ARTICLE V (CONTINUANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS), US  
ALTERNATE REP (TURRENTINE) INDICATED US ACCEPTANCE AND INTENTION TO  
FULFILL ITS TREATY OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN  
GOOD FAITH CONCERNING FURTHER MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION  
OF AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED, BUT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON OTHER  
SUBJECTS HAVE EFFECTIVELY REDUCED THE RISK OF A SEABEDS ARMS  
RACE AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS SPECIFICALLY FOCUSING ON FURTHER  
SEABEDS MEASURES ARE THUS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES  
OF ARTICLE V. NEVERTHELESS, A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER  
MEASURES HAVE BEEN MADE DURING THE REVCON, AND THE US ALT  
REP SUGGESTED THAT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
DISARMAMENT (CCD) MIGHT BE ASKED TO CONSIDER THEM.

7. SWEDISH REP (SANDSTROM) REITERATED THAT PROPOSALS  
ON FURTHER MEASURES SHOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION  
AND BE PROPERLY PREPARED. ITALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) DECLARED  
THAT THE CCD SHOULD REVIEW THE SEABEDS PROPOSALS IN THE  
PERSPECTIVE OF OTHER MEASURES UNDER DISCUSSION, DECIDING  
HOW TO FOLLOW UP IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

8. ROMANIAN REP (ENE) DECLARED THAT ROMANIA HAS NO WISH FOR  
SEABEDS-RELATED DISCUSSIONS TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER PRIORITIES,  
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BUT THAT IF IT SO WISHED THE CCD COULD NEGOTIATE ON MORE THAN  
ONE TOPIC AT ONCE. USSR REP (ISSRAELIAN) STATED IT WOULD NOT  
BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER WHAT CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND FACILITIES  
WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN FURTHER MEASURES; THAT WOULD BE THE  
TASK OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN CCD, WHICH THE USSR IS WILLING  
TO PARTICIPATE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

9. WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE VII, REPS OF SWEDEN (SANDSTROM),  
FINLAND (BLOMBERG), JORDAN (SADI), SWITZERLAND (BINDSCHEDLER),  
AND TURKEY (SUAT BILGE) CALLED FOR NEXT REVCON TO BE  
SCHEDULED FOR 1982. FRG REP (SCHLAICH) REFERRED TO HIS  
PREVIOUS PROPOSAL (PARA 4, REFTTEL B).

10. TURKISH REP (SUAT BILGE), REVERTING TO THE QUESTION OF

THE TREATY'S HYPOTHETICAL EFFECT ON DEMILITARIZED TERRITORIES (I.E., GREEK ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN), DECLARED THAT THE REVCON WAS NOT OCCURRING FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO, AND THAT SINCE DURING THE DEBATE OTHER DELS HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF REFERENCES TO DEMILITARIZATION, ESTABLISHING THE LINKAGE DOES NOT REQUIRE GREAT EFFORT. IN PARTICULAR, THE TURKISH REP STATED, ARTICLE IV MENTIONS OTHER AGREEMENTS IN FORCE, SO THE MATTER RAISED DOES RELATE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TREATY.

11. GREEK REP (METAXAS) STATED THAT GREECE MAINTAINS ITS EARLIER POSITION (PARAS 2 AND 11 OF REFTEL C) AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THIS MATTER LATER.

12. THE REVCON SET A DEADLINE OF 6:00 P.M. JUNE 27 FOR SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE PREAMBLE, AND SCHEDULED THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING FOR THE MORNING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 30.SORENSEN

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